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“How does the P/TBI Fellowship benefit Veterans?”

- ✓ Clinical fellows provide direct patient care to Veterans at the DC VAMC
- ✓ Non-clinical fellows address critical topics such as polytrauma, TBI, and PTSD — issues that affect both younger and older Veterans

Examples of Approved P/TBI Fellowship Research Projects at the DC VAMC:

“Effects of arm amputation on the uninvolved arm and brain function — a TMS study”

“Negative work exercise as an intervention for post-traumatic arthritis of the knee”

“The relationship among community integration, disablement, and psychosocial domains in Veterans with TBI-PTSD”

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THE VA ADVANCED FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AT THE DC VAMC

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Program Introduction

The DC VAMC Polytrauma and TBI Rehabilitation Research Fellowship (P/TBI Fellowship) Program reflects the high VA priority to address the complex rehabilitation of injured active duty service members and older Veterans.

The program was established at the DC VAMC through an interdisciplinary, joint effort among the Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Service (PM&R), Geriatrics Service, and Research & Development Service.

The **primary goals** of the P/TBI Fellowship are to develop rehabilitation scientists with the:

- Appropriate research skills and clinical knowledge to advance P/TBI rehabilitation.
- Ability to assume positions of leadership across the country in the service of our Veterans with disabilities.

The P/TBI Fellowship includes 75% protected time for training & research for 2-year positions.

Program Highlights

Innovative features of the P/TBI Fellowship at the DC VAMC include the following:

- Recruitment is focused on **doctorally-trained** rehabilitation specialists for specific tracks:
 1. *Clinical Specialists*: licensed physical therapists (1 year; 75% clinical)
 2. *Clinician-Investigators*: licensed physical therapists (2 years; 75% research)
 3. *Rehabilitation Scientists*: rehabilitation-related field of study (2 years; 100% research)

Two-year fellowships feature an annual **research project stipend** up to \$10,000, and all fellowships are supported by a post-doctoral **salary**

The P/TBI Fellowship Curriculum

- Discipline-Specific Knowledge
 - ♦ Polytrauma
 - ♦ Rehabilitation
 - ♦ Neuroscience
- Research Skills and Development
- Research Ethics
- Communication Skills
- Leadership and Management Skills
- Professionalism

Fellowship appointments are based on a rolling admissions with priority reviews conducted in March.

Program Structure

Program Leadership includes the Program Director, Dr. Joel Scholten, and the Deputy Program Director, and program planning and administration are also guided by bi-annual **Advisory Board** meetings.

In addition, each P/TBI Fellow is matched with a **Research Mentor**, and the Program Director serves as a **Program Mentor** to all fellows.

Program partners

Didactic content is provided by the Georgetown-Howard Universities Center for Clinical and Translational Science (GHUCCTS) and the Georgetown University Interdisciplinary Program in Neuroscience and other DC VAMC affiliates.

Getting involved

Prospective P/TBI Fellows should submit a **Curriculum Vitae** and **Statement of Intent** to the program via e-mail (see below).

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